



GOVERNOR MIKE LEAVITT

September 9, 2003

PATRIOT DAY COMMEMORATION

"The tragic events of September 11, 2001 marked a change in the way we view our world, our nation and ourselves. In honor of the victims and their families and friends, we commemorate Patriot Day with renewed gratitude for our freedoms, and reaffirmed commitment to tolerance, peace, and liberty."

-- Governor Mike Leavitt

Patriot Day

Utah will commemorate September 11, 2003 as Patriot Day in remembrance of the victims of the 9/11 tragedy. Under direction from President George W. Bush, Utah will lower the flag at the State Capitol to half-staff, and observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. local time.

In honor of the Utah men and women serving our nation's defense and freedom's cause, the Utah National Guard Brass Quintet will perform a Patriot Day concert at the capitol.

State-Hosted Commemoration Activities

- September 10, 2003, 10 p.m. Flag Ceremony, State Capitol
- September 11, 2003, 8:46 a.m. Statewide Moment of Silence
- September 11, 2003, Noon Utah National Guard Brass Quintet, Capitol Rotunda
- September 11, 2003, 6 p.m. Let Me Speak to the Governor
This program is broadcast live on radio stations throughout Utah. Governor Leavitt will make a brief statement about Patriot Day, and respond to questions about homeland security, Utah's National Guard commitment, and other topics of interest to Utah citizens.

Governor's Call to Action

1. Respectfully requests Utahns to display flags at half-staff on September 11, 2003.
 - We lower the flag to mourn the loss of thousands of innocent lives.
 - We raise the flag to express hope for the future and the resiliency of the American people.
2. Encourages all Utahns to participate in a one-minute statewide moment of silence on September 11, 2003 at 8:46 a.m. local time. The moment of silence will begin with a cannon salute at the state capitol and end with a chorus of bells from the carillon at the capitol.